

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel
Wednesday - 15 February 1967

Page 3

25X1

[redacted] In response to his request, I handcarried to Mr. Velde, in the office of Senator Roman L. Hruska, several [redacted] items consisting of monitored Soviet broadcasts discussing Soviet long-term goals as they approach their 50th anniversary. I told Velde that it was unlikely that we would have much if any information on the subject of mistreatment of American nationals in the Soviet Union and suggested that he might check with the State Department on this.

STAT

25X1

[redacted] Handcarried to Representative Charles E. Bennett a copy of the Reston column on the RAMPARTS/NSA matter along with a "theme" paper. I had previously advised the Congressman that the House Armed Services Committee staff had been working on a press release for Chairman Rivers and Representative Bates. When I saw the Congressman, I told him I understood a decision had been made to hold any action on this until after the Subcommittee met with Mr. Helms on Friday morning. Mr. Bennett thanked me for the material and for the information. He said he did not propose to do anything which would in any way interfere with the Chairman's exercise of his prerogative and, therefore, would probably not do anything on this before Friday's session.

25X1

25X1

[redacted] Received a long distance telephone call from Representative Albert H. Quie who said the father of [redacted] an Agency employee, had been in touch with him concerning [redacted] draft status. According to Quie, [redacted] supervisor had told him there was no need to worry about his draft status, inferring that he would somehow be deferred. [redacted] father has been in touch with the Congressman to see what he can do in getting him a deferrment. Quie said he had no intention of doing anything on this but wanted to be in touch with us to see what the situation was. After checking with [redacted] Office of Personnel, I called Mr. Quie and advised him that there appeared to be some misunderstanding for we had talked with [redacted] supervisor about this. The supervisor plans to have a nice talk with [redacted] to be sure there is no confusion on this subject, informing him that his Agency employment is no basis for the granting of a draft deferrment. (It appears that the inability to discuss the details of his work with his draft board is somehow clouding the question as to whether the type of work he is doing constitutes a sufficient basis for draft deferrment.) Mr. Quie had no quarrel whatsoever with us on this and merely wanted to ascertain the facts so that he could make them clear to [redacted]

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

SECRET

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel
Wednesday - 15 February 1967

Page 4

25X1 9. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and drafted with him a proposed press release for use by Chairman Rivers and Representative Bates, Senior Minority member, concerning the National Student Association matter. After meeting with Mr. Rivers and Mr. Bates, Mr. Blandford advised that issuance of such a release would be held up pending a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee with the Director. Mr. Blandford further advised that the Chairman requested a meeting be scheduled for 8:00 a.m., Friday, 17 February. This was confirmed with the Director, and Mr. Blandford so advised.

25X1 10. [] Met briefly with Mr. Carl Marcy, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at the conclusion of Senator McCarthy's press conference concerning the Agency. Mr. Marcy advised that the Senator is quite critical of Agency involvement in the NSA matter or in any activity relating to the domestic scene; and that although he, Mr. Marcy, had not seen the resolution, that the Senator intends to propose to the Senate a six or eight man subcommittee to look into such activities on the part of the Agency.

Later in the day, Mr. Marcy called for copies of the transcript of Admiral Raborn's testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee on February 25 and 28, 1966. Upon delivery of the transcript to him, he noted that he was interested in the statement made by the Director at that time concerning the fact that the Agency does not engage in domestic activities. After review of the transcripts by Mr. Marcy, they were returned to the Agency where they are held for safekeeping.

25X1 11. [] Received a call from Mr. Homer McMurray, Committee Reporter, Office of the Speaker, and advised that two copies of the transcript of the Director's briefing of the House Appropriations Subcommittees on 15, 16, and 17 February would be sufficient.

25X1 12. [] Clifford Gaucher, in the office of Representative Philip J. Philbin, called to say he would like to get some briefing on Southeast Asia. He has prepared a written list of what he would like and we will pick it up from him tomorrow.

SECRET

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel
Wednesday - 15 February 1967

Page 5

STAT 13. [] John Merriam, in the office of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, called to alert us that Senator Kuchel plans to speak to the National Student Association matter in California along the general lines that the objectives of the CIA funding were laudable but he believes the Administration should have been able to find a better way of financing this.

STAT 14. [] The Director appeared before the Defense Subcommittee and Military Construction Subcommittee of House Appropriations. This was an all day session and will be continued tomorrow. A transcript was taken.

STAT 15. [] I spoke with Mr. John Talmadge, in the office of Representative John Dellenback (R., Ore.), and firmed up 9 a.m. on 20 February when we would be giving the Congressman a general briefing on Ghana. This briefing will take place in Mr. Dellenback's office by [] West Africa Area, OCI. The Congressman had earlier requested this briefing in connection with a dinner he is having on 22 February with a member of the Embassy of Ghana.

STAT 16. [] Spoke with Miss Betty Wright, Congressional Liaison Staff Office, AID, and learned that the so-called Vietnam War Civilian Benefits package, as carried over from the Hays' Bill of the last Congress, would be introduced sometime next week. The provisions will be identical to those contained in H.R. 6277 and S. 3247.

STAT 17. [] Executive Officer, Medical Services, called to advise that a [] Agency contact working in State Department's medical setup, inquired whether the Agency would want the Department to furnish the identity of the individuals injured in the Saigon Chancery bombing. Sims also raised this question in connection with the legislative proposal for retroactive administrative leave. It was agreed that [] would attempt to determine fuller details of the purpose of this information and for whom it is being assembled. [] will be back in touch.

cc:

Ex/Dir-Compt

DD/S

OPPB

Mr. McManus

Mr. Houston

STAT DD/S&T, [], Mr. Goodwin, Item 4 - D/C Sec, Item 6 - CI Staff, Item 8 - Personnel, Item 15 - []

Approved For Release 2004/05/12 : CIA-RDP70B00338R000200230164-0

JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel